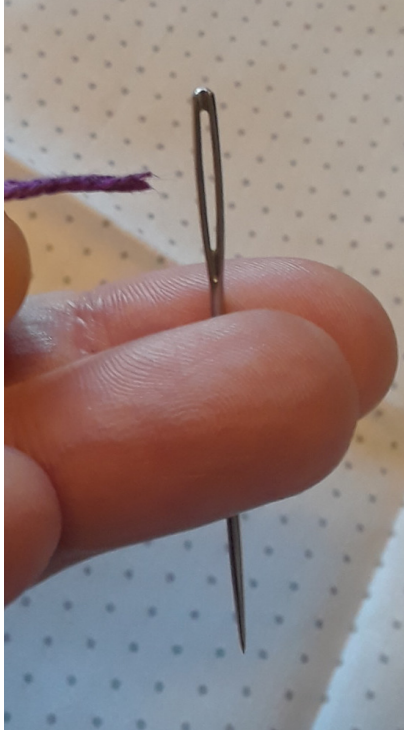


# How to sew a basic straight stitch

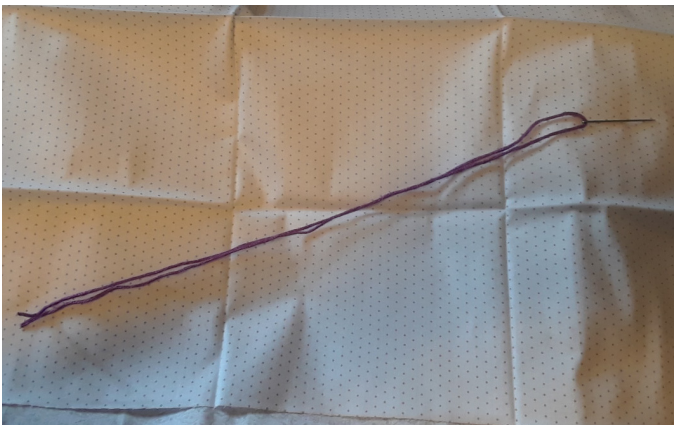
(this tutorial uses a large needle and embroidery floss for clarity and illustration purposes)



**1 - Measure out a piece of thread about as long as your arm. When you are more skilled you can use longer thread.**



**2 - Pass one end of the thread through the eye of the needle.**



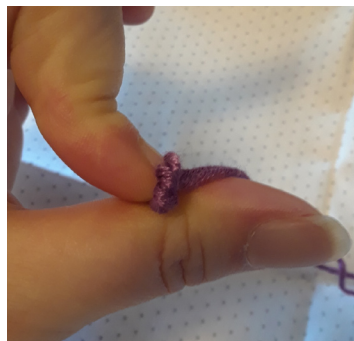
**3 - Double the thread over so the ends are even**



**4 - Pinch the ends of the thread between your thumb and index finger**

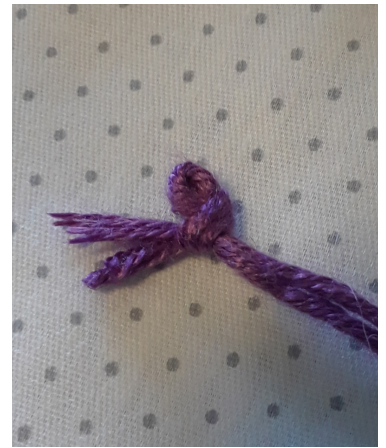


**5 - Wrap the thread in a loop around your index finger**



**6 - Keep the ends pinched between your thumb and index finger and draw your index finger back to roll the loop off of the end of your finger**





**7 - Pinch above the loop you've pulled off of your finger and pull the long end of the thread tight until you have a knot**

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**8 - Pass the needle through the back of your fabric and pull until you reach the knot.**

**9 - Push the needle through the cloth some distance away from the knot to make one stitch**

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**10 - Make sure to pull the thread until it is taut and the stitch is flat against your fabric then push the needle through the underside of the fabric and pull taut to make a second stitch. And repeat.**

**11 - You can push the needle through the cloth multiple times and pull taut to make several stitches at once - fold the fabric like an accordion and push through; this takes some practice to make even stitches**

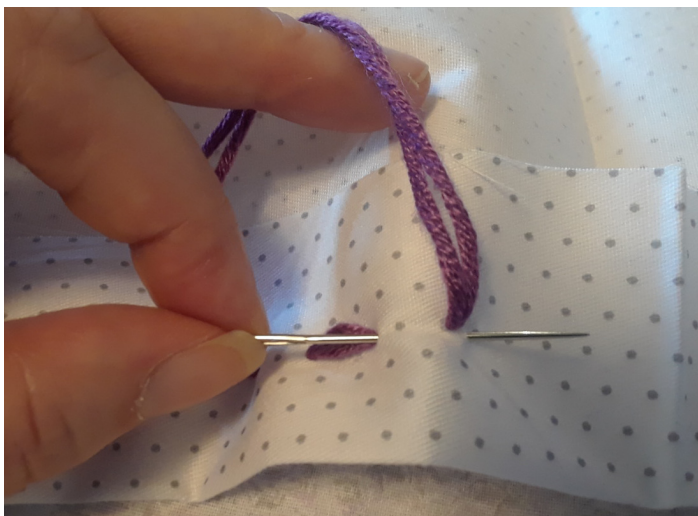




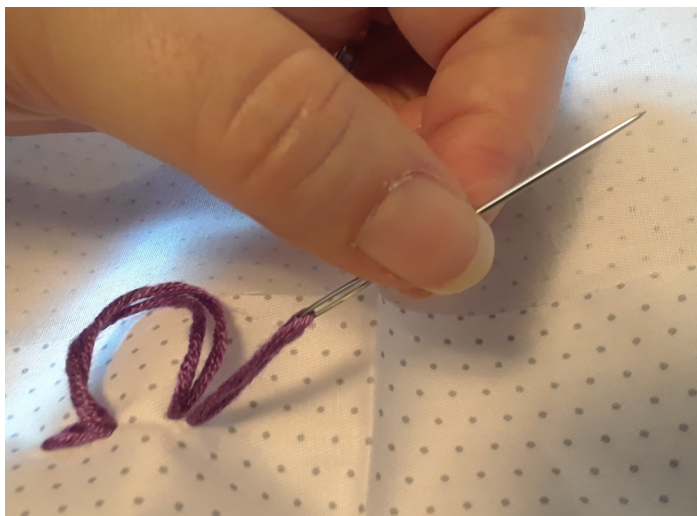
**12 - Tie off your thread when you have a length of thread left that is only 2-3 times longer than your needle.**



**13 - Double back on your most recent stitch and pass the needle through the top of the last stitch.**



**14 - Pass the needle through the underside of the fabric to where the thread last exited the cloth**



**15 - Pull taut**



**16 - Pass the needle through the thread bridge you just pulled taut**

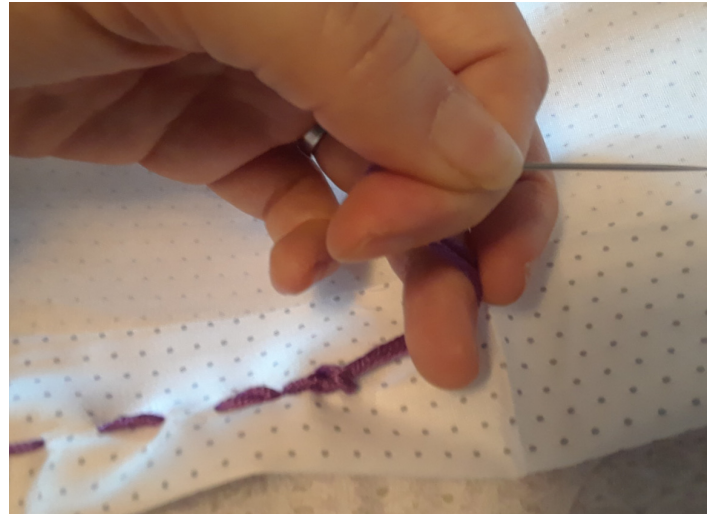


**17 - This should make a loop**

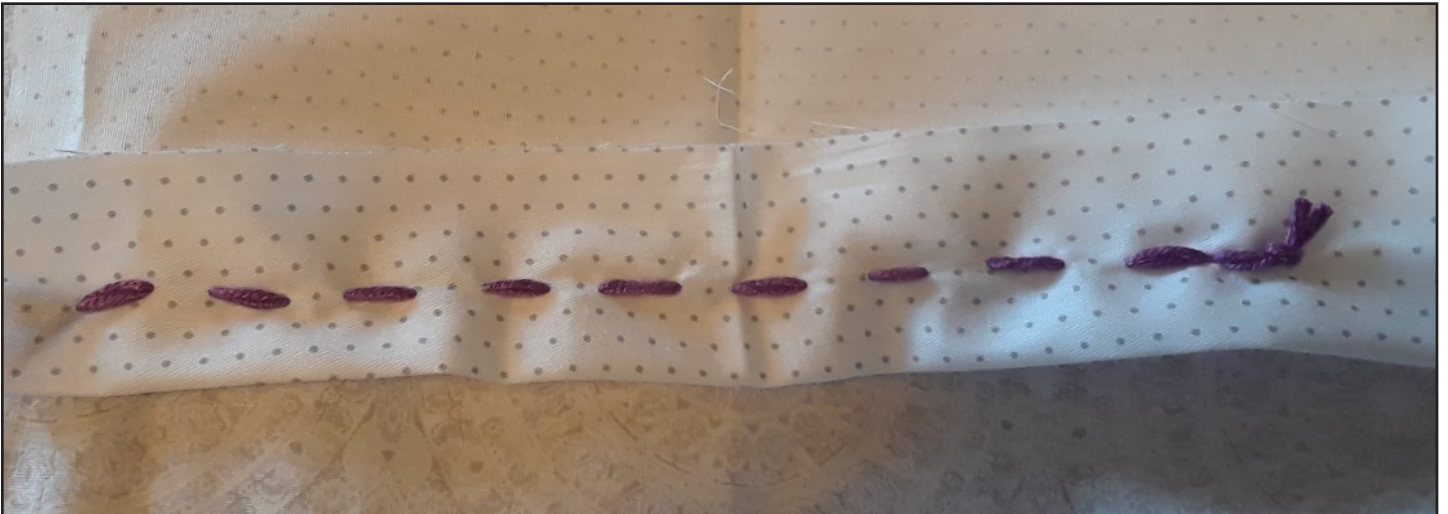




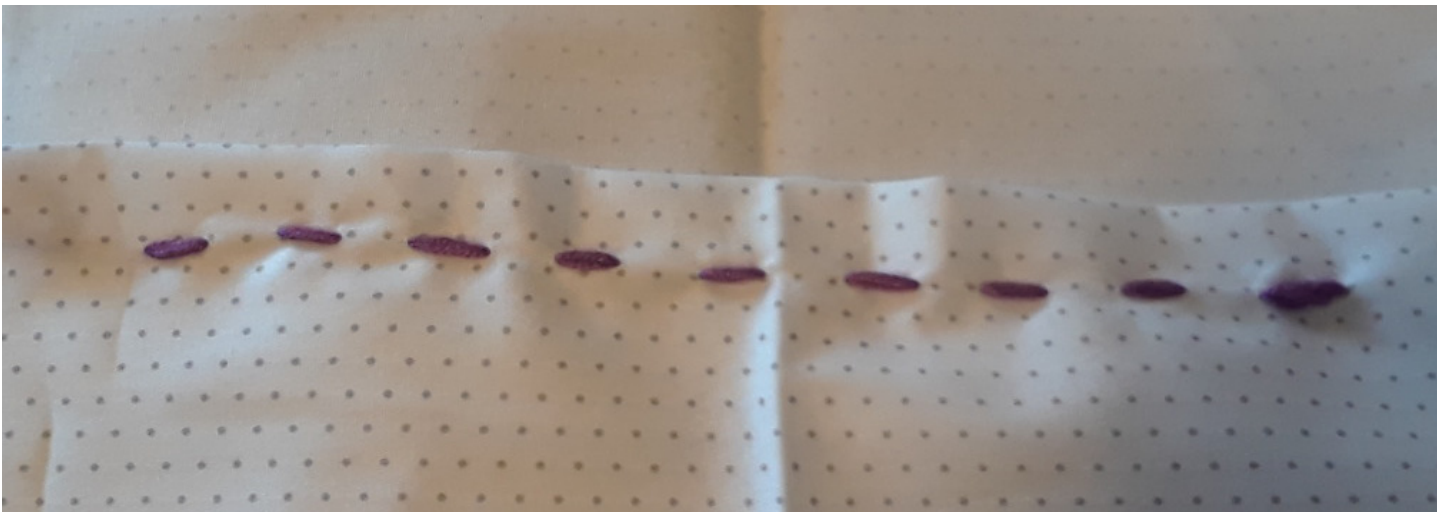
**18 - Reverse the needle through the loop you just made**



**19 - Pull taut and cut the remaining thread away from the knot. (to make it more secure you can do multiple knots like this)**



**20 - When you're finished the knot-side of your fabric should look like this**



**21 - And the other side of your fabric should look like this (note that the knots are not visible on the outside of the fabric and the doubled stitch you used to make the final knot simply looks like a thick stitch from the outside)**